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[FOR THE LANCASTER LEDGER.]

The Lancaster Volunteer's Farewell.

Farewell sweet home, The hour is come ! I must bid thee adjeu : The sound of war Is heard from afar: To my Colours l'il be true.

And when I stand Mid the brightest band Of old Carolina's sons, I'll think of the days And the merry lays Of music in our homes.

When Cannons roar On a distant shore, I will think of my lovely bride; When with heart and hand We both did stend And our solemn pledges tried

In dreams of night, When the noise of fight Hath ceased 'till the morning dawn I will see my love Like a turtle dove And hear her voice in the lawn.

But when I awake To my mistake! "Twas the voice of the fife and drum, And a voice to me says In wild, Horrans; 't is the foe they come! they come

Then I'll rush on Amidst that throng, Of the noble and the brave : Our hearts and our hands We will tree from bands, And our country's rights we will save

I have left behind A parent kind. A Father or a Mother; Or perchance 'twill be, (Still dear to me) A Sister or a Brother.

Or a beautiful Child, On whom I smiled With a parents tender care; Or a loving wife, The joy of my life; All these I will think of there.

And though I fall Amidst that squall, Where thundering cannons roar, No blot on my name From the field of fame Shail my country e'er deplore.

Then farewell sweet home. The hour is come; I must bid thee adien. The sound of war is beard afar. To my Colours I'll be true. EXILE

THE MANUFACTURE OF ICE -This is subject which possesses less interest at the present time than it will have, let us hope, six months later. Nevertheless, very ingenious discovery, by M. Carre, of a method of obtaining it by a simple process in the hottest summer, deserves mention. He takes two strong i on bottles, connected together with an iron pipe, and nearly fills one with a connec ted solution of ammoniacal gas in water. After connecting the bottles together, and making the joints secure, the one containing the ammonia is put over a fire, whilst the other dips into water. The action of heat upon the ammonia drives off the gas, which, not being able to escape, condenses under the enormous preswhen this is effected, the bottle is removed from the fire and cooled, where upon the ammonia in the second vessel rapidly assumes a gascous form and abstacts so much heat from the water by which it is surrounded as to freeze a cop siderable quantity. The operation may be repeated without disconnecting the retorts, until a sufficient amount of water is frozen. Ice made in this way is said not to cost more than ten cents a hun-dred weight.

Commencement of Camp Meetings in America

Of the origin of camp meetings, the New York Evangelist says: "The first camp meeting held in America was in Kentucky. Two preachers-one a Pres in a village, on the Sabbath, where there was but one chufch. The Presbyterian officiated in the forenoon, and the Methodist in the afternoon. The interest on the subject was so great that they conthe house. The attention soon became so large that they adjourned to the woods and continued the meeting for a week.

And this is the origin of the modern
camp meeting.

Gen, Houston made a farewell address to our people to day. He is going to reston Bay. May peace and happiness

[From the Charleston wercury.] The Bombardment of Fort Sumter.

SURRENDER OF MAJOR AN-DERSON

FULL PARTICULARS.

APRIL 13, 1861.

Throughout the whole of Friday night the various mortar batteries continued their iron rain upon Fort Sumter. At an early hour on Saturday morning the gun batteries, which had been silent during the darkness of the night, reopened their fire. About seven o'clock Fort Sum ter vigorously returned their compliments, The Cumming's Point Batteries were uninjured by any shots which had been fir ed against them, had not effected any thing like a breach, although battering considerably and to the depth of a foot, the pancoupee on the southeast corner. Major Anderson devoted his attention to the Sullivan's Island, Fort Moultrie and the Floating Battery. Forty rounds of hot shot were poured into him from Fort Moultne, and this fire was returned by a rapid and heavy cannonade from the seat girt fortress, riddling the quarters. In the emphatic language of au officer, "the quarters were knocked to h--- I, but no body hurt." During the morning thirts or forty successive shots, from Sumter, were fired at the Dahlgren Battery, oc castoning so much danger to the men at the gon Capt. Hamilton temporarily re moved them. The Floating Battery, commanded by Leutenants Yates and Harlestor, in its turn, received devoted attention. Twelve indentions are visible; one ball going through the edge of the roots, longed in the sand bags, producing a slight contusion on the head of a private. The four gun battery commanded by Lieut, Valentine, and Capt. Hallon quist's very effective mortar battery, were earnestly attended to. We learn that Capt. Ballonquist was covered with dirt spattered up on him by Anderson's fire . no damage, however, was done to a sin gle man, officer or private, anywhere,

attracting an occasional shot from their frowning antagonist. At ten minutes after 8 a. m , a thick smoke was seen issuing from the southern portion of Fort Sumter's barracks; the flames broke out visible to the eye. At times the fire appeared to be almost ex tinguished, and then again would rise -Whilst it w s in progress, three explosions expressed their opinion that, had they occurred from the fail of shells among the service magazines or combustibles of the ders in bathette, bearing upon the iron fat. The concentrated fire of all the bat | battery, they might have destroyed it. of the flames continued, and all the quar ters were involved in conflagration; a dense cloud of black smoke issued

Batteries at Fort Johnson, under com

mand of Captain James and Lieutenant

The fire from Fort Sumter become regular and weak ; towards midday it almost entirely ceased. Still the flag flew, and shot and shell fell regularly and steadily upon the beleagured fortress

At midday, on Friday, during the heat of the engagement, Maj Anderson made a signal of discress to the men of war ly ing off our bar, and on Saturday again while under fire from all the batteries, and troubled with the heat and smoke of the burning barracks, again lowered the flug of the United States, as a signal for assistance to his naval ailies; the ships were from only three to five miles off the day was bright and clear, the water smooth. But discretion was the better part of valor The Northern offi cers in command, having been so carefully selected, for their fidelity to their sec tion and superior trustworthiness in a hostile crusade against the South, were their ships into the barbor, and engaging our batteries. They thought it prudent not to attempt reinforcements in launches. The soldiers of Abolitionism were left to their fate, without an attempt to relieve their peritous condition. Their idle allies had the pleasure of seeing them strike their colors to the Confederate States .-They are commendable for their gallag try, and we trust that these brave ma rines will receive a suitable commendation from their no less gallant Jackson the Second and his magnanimous Capinet.

At a quarter to I o'clock the flag of the United States on Fort Sumter went down with its staff. For some twenty vate H. Gourdin Young, of the Palmetto Guard, got into a small boat pulled by negros. They approached it from Morris
Island, Col. Wigfail holding up his sword
with a white handkerchief tied upon it. Before they reached the for, however, the United States flag, accompanied by a Sullivan's Island batteries not perceiving And this is the origin of the modern camp meeting.

RETERMENT OF GOVERNOR SAM HOUSE TON.—The Austin correspondent of the stated that he was Aid-de Camp to Gene. New Orleans Picayune writing on the ral Beauregard—that, seeing his distress, and the impossibility of holding the post, and that, as no flag was flying, he had come to claim a surrender, in the name of his chief. He replied to the enquiry what terms would be granted, stating

how to treat a gallant enemy. Major exhaustion. Anderson must leave the details of the Wigfail started to report to Gen. Beau

regard in Charleston. Soon after the United States flag first disappeared, three Aids de Camp had been despatched from Headquarters; but and Cols. Miles and Pryor.

When the report was made of the capitulation, Major Jones, accompanied by Colonel Charles Alston, was sent to are range definitely the terms given. These were to the following effect :

All proper facilities will be afforded for the removal of Maj. Anderson and command, together with company arms and property, and all private property.

The flag which he has upheld so long, and with so much fortitude, under the most trying circumstances, may be saluted by him on taking it down.

Major Anderson is allowed to determ ine the precise time of yielding up the post, and is permitted to go by sea or land, according to his election.

This morning word was sent that he desired to be removed to the fleet outside of the bar, at the hour of 9 o'clock, and the Catacoba was detached for the pur-

We understand that a detachment of regulars from Suilivan's Island, and a de tachment of Major DeSaussure's command from Morris Island, have been detailed to

occupy the exptured fort. We learn that Fort Sumter is uninjure ed in its capacity for defence, no breach being made in the walls, but that the quarters are completely destroyed, not withstanding the Palmetto Fire Company was despatched to put out the fire quarters on Friday caught three times, and were extinguished by the soldiers; on Saturday it was imposible. At one time the smoke within the fort was so distressing that the men in the casemates were constrained to place their mouths to the floor for breathing. Maj. Anderand all performed their duties with the son has expressed admiration and sursame spirit and placeity. The Mortar prise at the perfection of practice by our batteries. He was almost entirely prevented, by this cause, from using his bar Gibbes, worked steadily and efficiently, bette gans. But for the paucity of his force, and their consequent ability to re tire within the casemates, destruction of life must have been frightful. Thus proteeted, they escaped with only five woun ded-none killed We understand four c-semate and five barbette guns have been dismounted by our guns. We also learn that Maj Anderson and Lieut. Davis have been allowed to use their sixty four pount very annoying, and materially assisted in

the defence of Morris Island. The Battle of Fort Sumter is a marvel ous affair in the bloodlessness of an en gagement of thirty six hours and a half. It is sure the merciful finger of God But to no human agencies engaged in the business is greater praise due than to those who conceived and planned our de fences, and who have erected them in so faithful and substantial a manner. To these causes—the admirable efficiency of our defensive preparations, and the hand some manner in which the gues have been used to annoy and cripple the ene my-is the wonderful, unprecedented re

We have not, and do not pretend to do justice to the officers and men engaged in the combat. We feel our in competence to do it-a task of necessary discrimination, delicacy and difficulty.-Many, we know, are worthy of notice, and will receive it at the proper hands, whom we, through our ignorance, have unwilling to incur the risk of running not named in our very imperfect notes. They, as well as the public, must excuse such unin entional short comings

At 2 1 2 o'clock, p. m., Anderson was permitted to pay his parting salute to the United States flag before hauling it down, we trust forever, from the rame parts of the famous Fort Sumter. The

Confederate Fing now floats in its place. Maj ir Anderson will go to New York in the steamer Isabel. His command joins the fleet.

The Scene at Fort Sumter.

An officer who visited the fort soon after the terms of evacuation were made, minutes no flag appeared above the fort, states that the scene there presented is Col. L. T. Wigfall, accompanied by pri bayond conception. Without, the walls have the appearance, at a distance, of having been covered with an immense were an aspect as if the hand of the des troying angel had swept ruthlessly by white flag, was held up on the rampart, and left not a solitary object to relieve which Col. Wigfall did not see. The the general de outior. The blackened walls of the officers' and soldier's quar ters were yet smoking, ashes and embers met the eye at every turn, while the shot and shell which had been rained upon the strong hold lay in great quantities

upon all portions of the parade ground.

The appearance of both Major Anders son, his officers and the men, indicated the terrible nature of the ordeal from which they had just emerged. Deprived of sleep for many hours, fatigued with their labors at the guns, and prostrated that Major Anderson could not make by their battle with an element which tions of the broken structure. And so it is bir own terms, but that General Beaury waged beyond control, they looked worn, was that the authorities, compelled to

gard, a soldier and a gentleman, knew haggard and ready to drop, with sheer yield the fortress, had at least the satis-

surrender to General Beauregard. Major height Major Anderson stated that the ure to its captors. Anderson then agreed to surrender to only manner in which they could breathe General Beauregard, in the name of the was by laying flat upon the ground with- lost when, accending to the parapet, the Confederate States, and at one o'clock in the casemates, with their faces to the brilliant panorams of the bay appeared and five minutes struck the United States earth, while, added to the danger, was -when from this key to the barbor the flag which had been standing in compathe occasional explosion of the piles of

it the fortification, that is due the preself stated that had there been two hundred more, not less than one half of them Col. Wigfall had anticipated Capt. Lee must have been killed, owing to the ab cuit shook the fortress with the thunders cumstances, for their protection.

sarily resulted.

a fellow being.

The interview between Major Ander one, and consequently many interesting the Isabel; which, however, from the which belong to the memorable occasion, must for the present remain unknown.

During the evening, a boat arrived at Morris Island from one of the Northern vessels in the offing, bearing a Lieutenant and a flag of truce, his object being to arrange for the evacuation of the sol ders with their property. He also assured the cammanding officer at that point (Gen Simons,) that hostilities ment; and two others badly wounded, would not take place during the night.— also, at their earnest solicitation, were The matter was referred to Gen. Benu regard.

Meanwhile Major Anderson had him-self addressed a letter to the latter-officer, requesting that the latter-officer, Meanwhile Major Anderson had himrequesting that the steamship Catareba should be at the wharf of Fort Sumter at Jaughter of Attorney General Hayne, nine o'clock this (Sunday) morning.

Embarkation of Major Anderson.

esterday with the surrender of Fort Sumr, and with a brief account of its batter ed appearance, and give this morning the me and circumstances of its evacuation. At half-past 12 c'clock his Excellency facored with the opportunities of this oc-Governor Pickens, with his Aids, and Messrs Jamison and Magrath, of his Ex ecutive Conneil, and General Beauregard with his Aids, Messrs. Miles, Pryor, Man ning, Chesnut and Jones, and many distingwished gentlemen, invited to be present, took their departure in a steamer the direction of the Fort. As we advanced it was a parent, however, that the evac nation was not completed. Though the steamer Isabel at the request of Major Anderson, had been present from 9 o'clock that very soon thereafter his command perience of a volunteer. would be under way, still causes of delay ad intervened. To avoid the embarrass ments of a premature arrival, the party was landed upon Sullivan's Island. A thus afforded, they visited the floating battery, and were ascending the mortar battery, when the booming of the guns upon the parapets of Fort Sumter, announced the lowering of the "stars and Interesting Correspondence Preceding stripes." In the terms of capitulation, it was allowed to Maj. Anderson to salute his flag, and it was perhaps expected that he would fire the usual complement of twenty one guns; but reaching that num ber, he sti'l went on to fire, and the ap prehension was that he might exhibit the discourtesy of numbering thirty-four .-But he continued still to fire up fifty, and then slowly lowering his flag, the shouts from assembled thousands upon the shores gard's first despatch (No. 1) to the Secand the steamers, and every species of water craft, announced that the authority [No 1] CHARLESTON, April 8, 1861. of the late United States upon the last foot of Carolina's soil was finally with

It had been noticed, that at the firing of the seventeenth gan, there was the sound as of two reports, and the impression was that two guns had been fired together; but, as the party, re embark ing, were on their way to Fort Sumter, they were met by a boat, which annouced that one of the canons had exploded, and made the request that the boat would re turn to Sullivan's Island for a fire engine, from the apprehension that the magazine might be in danger. This obtained, the by force, you will at once demand its party again stated for the fort, and made their entrance.

It were vain to attempt a detailed de scription of the scene. Every point and every object in the interior of the fort to which the eye was turned, except the outer walls and casemates, which are still strong, bore the impress of ruin. It were as if the Genius of Destruction had tasked its energies to make the thing complete. brooded over by the desolation of ages .-It could scarce have been developed to a more full maturity of ruin. The walls of the internal structure, roofless, bare, black ened, and perforated by shot and shell, hung in fragments, and seemed in instant readiness to totter down. Near the centre of the parade-ground was the burried grave of one who had fallen from the recent casualty. To the left of the entrance was a man who seemed to be at the verge of death. In the ruins to the right there was another. The shattered flag staff, pierced by four balls, lay sprawling on the ground. The parade ground was strewn with fragments of shell and of the dilapidated buildings. At least four guns were dismounted on the ramparts, and at every step the way was impeded by portions of the broken structure. And so it

faction of leaving it in a condition calcu When the fire was at its greatest lated to inspire the least possible pleas-

Of all this, however, the feeling was view expanded to the waving out line of ny with the white flag. The Sullivan's shells collected for service at different main and island, and when upon this key Island batteries ceased firing, and Colonel points within the fort. It is to the fact that so few men were, the Palmetto flag, were both expanded to the breeze. And when the deafening servation of life. Major Anderson him- shouts arose from the masses clustered upon boats and upon the shores, and when the batteries around the entire cirsence of sufficient room, under the cir of their salutation the feeling that the victory was indeed complete, that the tri-As it was, their provisions would have umph was a fact accomplished, that lib given out in two days more, with an un erty had indeed been vindicated, and that conditional surrender would have neces the State had established her claim to the skill and courage necessary to the He also remarked that yesterday was cause she had the intellectual intrepidity one of the proudest days of his life, for to avow, thrilled in the breast of every while he had endeavored to do his duty one of Carolina's sons, as seldom has such as an officer, he had not taken the life of feeling thrilled in the breasts of any men

Shortly after the arrival, the garrison son and our informant was not a long marched out, and were received on board incidents connected with Fort Sumter, condition of the tide, was unable to move off, and it was a somewhat unpleasant circumstance that Major Anderson and his command should have been made un willing spectators of the exultations in spired by their defeat.

Of those suffering from the casualty we have mentioned, one was killed upon the spot; two were wounded, it is supposed mortally, and were left for medical treatalso, at their earnest solicitation, were carried off.

The occasion was not without the charm Governor Pickens, and the wife and witnessed the ceremony from the bont, and Mrs. Henry Bonnetheau has the dis tinction of being the first in the fort under the flag of the Confederacy. She was We closed our report in the extra of down to attend the sister of Lieut. Davis. her guest during the period of her brother's confinement to the fort, and with the eyo and genius of an artist, it was doubte-s with a feeling of pieasure that she was

Co'onel Ripley was put in command. The departments of the service necessary to bring the fort to order were distributed. The men were preparing such rude appliances for comfort as the dreary place admitted of; and as, at twilight, we from Southern wharf, and were borne in steamed off for the city, of those stand ing upon the ledge around the base of the fort, the last to be seen was the ven erable Edmund Roffin, of Virginia, who, with canteen and blanket strapped upon his shoulder, seemed to be submitting and the expectation had been occassioned with exemplary complacency to the ex

THE TWO MEX Of Major command who were injured by the ex plosion yesterday and were brought to the city, have I een transferred to Prof. vailing themselves of the opportunities Chisholm's private hospital, in Trapmann -street. One of them died at quarterpast ten o'clock last night. The other is im proving in condition.

the Attack on Fort Sumter.

MONTGOMERY, Ala, April 12 .-- The following is a copy of the telegraphic correspondence between the War Depart ment and Gen. Beauregard, in command of Charleston harbor, immediately preceding hostilities at Fort Sumter.

This correspondence grew out of the formal notification of the Washington Government, disclosed in Gen. Beaureretary of War. To Hon. L. P. WALKER, Montgomery

An authorized messenger from Lincoln has just informed Gov. Pickens and my self, that provisions will be sent to Ford Sumter peaceably, and if otherwise then by force.

G. T. BEAUREGARD. Signed. Reply of Secretary of War.
[No. 2] Montgomery, April 10, 1861.

To GEN. BEAUREGARD, Charleston : If you have no doubt of the authorized character of the agent who communicated to you the intention of the Washingtor. Government, to supply Fort Sumter evacuation; and if this is refused, proceed in such manner as you may determine to reduce it. Answer.

Signed, L. P. WALKER.
Gen. Beauregard to the Secretary of War. [No. 3] CHARLESTON, April 10, 1861. To Hou, L P. WALKER: The demand with be made to morrow at twelve o'clock m.

Signed, G. T. BEAUKEGARD. Brigadier General. The Secretary of War to Gen. Beaure

[No. 4.] MONTGOMERY, April 10, 1861. To Geu. BEAUREGARD, Charleston : Unless there are special reasons co nected with your own condition, it is considered proper that you should make the demand at an earlier hour.

The reasons are special for 12 o'clock. Signed, G. T. BEAUREGARD.

Gen. Beauregard to the Secretary of War. [No. 6] CHARLESTON, April 11, 1861. To Hon. L. P. WALKER: Demand sent at 2 p. m , and until 6 o'c'ock to answer.
Signed, G. T. BEAUREGARD.

The Secretary of War to Gen. Beauregard.
[No. 7.] Montgomery, April 11, 1861. Telegraph reply to Anderson.

To GEN. BEAUREGARD, Charleston : Signed, L. P. WALKER. Gen. Beauregard to the Secretary of War. [No. 8.] CHARLESTON, April 11, 1861.

TO HON. L. P. WALKER: Major Anderson replies : 'I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your tion of this fort, and I say, in reply therethat my sense of honor and of my obligation to my Government, prevents my compliance." Maj. Anderson adds ver

starved out in a few days." Auswer. Signed, G. T. BEAUREGARD. Secretary of War to Gen. Beauregard. No. 9 | MONTGOMERY, April 11, 1861.

To. GEN. BEAUREGARD, Charleston: Do not desire needlessly to bombard Fort Sumter. If Major Anderson will state the time at which, as indicated by him, he will evacuate and agree, in the meantime, that he will not use his guns against us, unless ours should be employed against Fort Sumter, you are auhorized thus to avoid the effusion of blood. If this, or its equivalent, be refused, reduce the fort as your judgment decides to be the most practicable.

Signed, L. P. WALKER.

Gen Beauregard to the Secretary of War. [No. 10.] CHARLESTON, April 12, 1861. 10 HON. L. P. WALKER: He would not consent. I write to

Signed, G. T. BEAUREGARD. Gen. Beauregard to the Secretary of War. [No. 11] CHARLESTON, April 12, 1861. TO HON. L. P. WALKER :

We opened fire at 4 o'clock thirty

Signed, G. T. BEAUREGARD. NOTE .- Intercepted despatches disclose he fact that Mr. Fox, who had been all lowed to visit Maj. Anderson on the pledge that his purpose was pacific, em ployed his opportunity to devise a plan for supplying the fort by force, and that this plan had been ad p'ed by the Washingron Government, and was in progress of execution.

President Lincoln taking off the Cloak.

Augusta, April 14 .- President Lin oln answered the Virginia Commission ers in writing. He first quotes a portion of his inaugural about forts, property, collections of revenue, &c., an | re affirms the opinion, but regrets the uncertainty that has been attached to his inaugural, which was intended when it was delivered to refer only to the property in Fede ral possession, and declares that if an att tempt be made to capture Fort Sumter he will repress it, and will defend all places held by the Government. If Sum ter be attacked he will withdraw all mails from the State of South Carolina, actual war justifying such a step. He regards all military posts as much in the Union as before Secession, but will not invade any State to collect revenue, but will land to relieve forts. He repeats that he adheres to the whole of his inaugural.

Washington, April 14 .- The Nations al Volunteers, several hundred strong, have passed resolutions severely denouneing the military preparations of the Lincoln Government and expressing sympa, thy with the seceders.

More Resignations.

WASHINGTON, April 14 .- Five officers of the Navy tendered resignations Saturday, but have been refused. It is probable their names will be stricken from the roll as dismissed This will be in confor mity to late precedents in the Army, and s part of the policy by which all the ower of a military despotism is invoked.

The Departments are getting more rigrous in their efforts to prevent access to any facts, the publication of which would not be favorable to the Administration

President Lincoln's Proclamation. WASHINGTON, April 14 .- The followng is Lincoln's Proclamation : BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, the laws of the United States ave been for sometime past and now are opposed, and the execution thereof obstructed in the States of South Carolina, Georgin, Alabama, Fforida, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, by combinations too powerful to be suppressed by the ordinary course of judicial proceedings, or by the powers vested in the marchal by law : Now, therefore, I, ABRAHAM LIN. COLN, President of the United States, in COLN, President of the United States, in companies immediately paraded, and virtue of the power in me vested, by the with others, about five hundred in numerical Constitution and the laws, have thought ber, are now en route for Fort Marion, fit to call forth, and hereby do call forth, and will take possession at 7 o'clock to the militie of the several States of the Union to the aggregate number of seven ty five thousand, in order to suppress said combinations and to cause the laws to be duly executed. The details of this object will be immediately communicated to the State authorities by the War Department. I appeal to all loyal citizens to favor, facilitate and aid this effort to Signed, L. P. WALKER.

Gen Beauregard to the Secretary of War.
[No 5.] CHARLESTON, April 10, 1861.
To Hon. L. P. WALKER:

to favor, facilitate and and this effort to maintain the honor, the integrity, and the existence of our National Union and the perpetuity of popular Government, and to redress wrongs already long enough endured.

I deem it proper to say that the first service assigned to the forces, hereby call-ed forth, will probably be to repossess the forts, places and property, which have A party ascended the roof of been seized from the Union, and in that tol and hoisted the Confed

avoid any devastation and destruction of, or interference with property, or any disturbance of peaceful citizens in any part of the country, and I hereby command the persons composing the combinations aforesaid, to disperse at d retire peaceably to their respective abodes within twenty

days from this date. Deeming that the present condition of public affairs presents an extraordinary occasion, I do hereby, in virtue of the communication demanding the evacua- power in me vested by the Constitution, convene both Houses of Congress. Sento, that is a demand with which I regret stors and Representatives are therefore summoned to assemble at their respective Chambers, at twelve o'clock, noon, on Thursday, the fourth day of July next, bally: "I will await the first shot, and if then and there to consider and determine you do not batter us to pieces, we will be such measures as in their wisdom the public safety and interest may seem to demand.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this fifteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty fifth.
ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President :

WM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State. Troops for United States Service.

WASHINGTON, April 15.-The follow ng is the quota of troops required by the Secretary of War: Maine, 780; New Hampshire, 780; Vermont, 780; Mas. sachusetts, 1,760; Rhode Island, 780; Connecticut, 780; New York, 15,280; Pennsylvania, 12,500; New Jersey, 3,-123 , Delaware, 780 ; Maryland, 2.123; Virginia, 2,340 , North Carolina, 1.560; Tennessee. 1,560; Arkausas, 780; Kentucky, 3,123; Missouri, 3,125; Illinois, 4.683; Indiana, 4.683; Ohio, 10,153; Michigan, 780; Wisconsin, 780; Iowa, 780 : Minnesota, 780.

The Secretary of War has accepted the services, by telegraph, of 1,000 men from Rhode Island, and directed them to proceed to Washington without delay .t is stated that Government has no pres' ent design to institute martial law in Washingtou. 20,000 troops will be in Washington in twenty days.

Military Movements in the United

New York, April 15 .- The seventh and sixty ninth regiments have volunteered for the defence of Washington, but have not yet started for that city. The twelfth regiment holds a meeting to mor-

CHICAGO, April 15 .- Gov. Gales, 40morrow, will issue his proclamation calling an extra session of the Illinois Legis; ature, to meet on the 23d inst.

Virginia Convention. RICHMOND, April 15 .- In the Convenion, to day, the Commissioners presented L neolt's reply without comment.

A resolution was adopted, to suspend the order of the day. Another was offered, to go into secret the report of the Commissioners. An interesting debate followed. The President's proclamation was the principal. theme. Messrs Scott, Preston and other Unionists de lared that if the President meant to subjugate the South, Virginia had but one course to pursue.

A difference of opinion exists among he members, whether to secede immedistely or wait the co-operation of the order States. It is believed that the alernative of the propositions will be submitted to the people. Some doubted the a thenticity of the proclamation, and in deference to their wishes, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow, when it will loubtless go into secret session.

None think of ultimate secession now. The Convention presented an appearance of unwonted gravity-all feeling that the crisis had arrived.

The people here are clamorous for seession, and accounts from the interior epresent the people as following their lead, and being thoroughly aroused.—
The change of sentiment in the Convention has been foreskadowed, and is believed to be harmonious. A conclusion it is thought will be reached in secret

Gov. Letcher declines expressing his opinion openly previous to the receipt of the official proclamation of Lincoln; but his personal friends say that he will refase to entertain it.

The general opinion is that Lincoln having repudiated Virginia's efforts at a peaceful solution, she must now aid in defending the South.

North Carolina Waking Up. Goldsboro, N. C., April 15 .- The proclamation of President Lincoln bas told with thrilling effect here. The rifle

night.

The News Abroad—How Fort Sumter is Hailed

Baltimoas, April 13.—Great excitement prevails here, but no public demonstration. The rejoicing openly exhibited by many over the surrender of Fort Sumter, and the defeat of Lincolnism, is marred by the gloomy forebodings of civil war. There is also a general ex-pression of determination to resist any coercive attempts of Northern troops, so far as their passage over this State is concerned.

RICHMOND, April 14. The dan tion in honor of the glorious affair of Fort Sumter was kept up until midnight.

A party ascended the roof of the

event the utmost care will be observed which was soon removed by order of a